(b) whether tyres are exported and if so, to which countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P.J. KURIEN): (a) The ingredients/raw materials used by tyre industry to make motor vehicle tyres are:

i) Natural/Synthetic Rubber

ii) Carbon Black

iii) Rayon/tyre yarn/Nylon/Cord/ Wrp sheet

iv) Bead Wire

v) Pigment chemicals

vi) zinc Oxide

(b) Yes, Sir. the main countries to which tyres exports are being made are:

1) Afghanistan

2) U.S.A.

3) U.S.S.R.

4) Bangladesh

5) Middle East & African countries and to some extent to some European countries as well.

Strict Observance of working Hours in Government Offices

4363. SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to ensure strict observance of working hours in all its Offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Instructions have been issued form time to time to *ensure punctual and regular attendance. It has been made incumbent upon the supervisory officers to scrutinise the attendance registers and carry* out surprise checks. *Government servants,* who are in the habit of not observing scheduled hours for attending office, can be punished for lack of devotion to duty.

[*Translation*]

Per capita Central Assistance to Bihar

4364 SHRI RAMDEW RAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the annual per capital Central assistance being provided to each State and Union Territory;

(b) whether the annual capita average Central assistance being provided to Bihar is the lowest in comparison to the annual per capita average Central assistance to other States and if so the reasons therefor;

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The annual per capital Central assistance provided to each state and Union Territory during 1990-91 and 1991-92 is indicated in the Statements I and II attached.

(b) to (d). No, Sir. Among non-special category States, to who allocation of assistance is criteria based, per capital Central assistance allocated to the State of Bihar is higher than nine States, but lower than four